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Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Reply to comments - DA 12-1863, IB Docket No. 12-340, RM-11683

Dear Ms. Dortch:

In addition to being a small business owner from north Alabama, I am also an active competitor on the FLW (Forrest L. Wood) bass-tournament circuit, where my travels have taken me throughout many beautiful parts of our country, albeit many rural areas where broadband is severely lacking. Like you, I know it's no secret that rural America often lags behind larger, metropolitan areas when it comes to access to technology, and I applaud the Commission's efforts to promote greater access and choice to underserved and unserved areas throughout the country.

As a cosmetologist serving hundreds of customers at my shop, I'm constantly interacting with clients and their family members who are, yes, addicted to our smart phones and i-Pads. What perplexes and frankly aggravates me, however, is the level of service we see in rural areas like where I live, compared to many of the places I visit on the Bass Tournament circuit. Granted, a lot of those places are also located in the hinterlands, but even in many of those areas, connectivity is so much greater that it's glaringly apparent that rural America continues to be the red-headed stepchild at the family picnic.

That brings me to the purpose of my letter, which is to reply to comments made about LightSquared and its current license modification application you are considering. I agree with the vast majority of comments submitted that LightSquared's proposal is good for the economy and the public, especially for those of us in rural America. For example, S.I. Wireless says that LightSquared's planned network would "immediately enable S.I. Wireless to partner with a national provider and immediately develop a 4G strategy that would benefit the customers of *rural* Tennessee and Kentucky." And the Competitive Carriers Association says that the spectrum capacity LightSquared will make available "would allow millions of Americans to realize the benefits of enhanced competition, leading to lower rates, higher service quality and increased choice. In particular, the availability of LTE-capable capacity on this network would provide an alternative opportunity for competitive wireless carriers to offer 4G service in *unserved* and *underserved rural areas*, and to launch such service on a national scale."

As an avid sports enthusiast, fisher "woman" and as a small business owner, I urge you to approve the LightSquared motion and to do so without delay. I'm convinced the company's business model will go a long way to providing not just greater access to technology, but approval of its request will do wonders for increasing the connectivity and consumer choice that we in rural American are starving for.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kim Striker". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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